

STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

Building Stronger Neighborhoods through City/Community Partnerships

The Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) brings together the City of San José, the San José Redevelopment Agency and community resources to develop strategies to maintain and/or create high quality neighborhoods throughout San José.

PHASE ONE

In phase one of the program, 20 neighborhoods are developing improvement plans that detail community assets, needs and opportunities. At the same time, all 20 neighborhoods are being established as a single SNI Redevelopment Area. The improvement plans will endeavor to:

- Help strengthen neighborhood infrastructure and services
- Help strengthen community organizations
- Identify new development sites
- Address interfaces with planned transit facilities.

PHASE TWO

Drawing on a combination of City, Redevelopment, private and community resources, phase two of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative will implement high priority improvements and projects identified in each of the area plans, for example:

- Traffic calming
- New housing, including affordable housing
- New neighborhood commercial uses
- Parks and trails
- Community centers and recreation facilities
- Libraries
- Well maintained properties
- Well maintained public infrastructure

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEIGHBORHOODS — A SAN JOSE TRADITION

The Strong Neighborhoods Initiative builds on the success of San José's Project Crackdown and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy programs. Nine Project Crackdown areas continue to enjoy reduced levels of crime and blight. Seven neighborhoods have completed Neighborhood Revitalization Plans and are in the process of

implementing them and updating them for consistency with the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative.

Among the projects and improvements that are underway or completed in those seven neighborhoods are:

- A 62 unit new affordable housing project
- Dozens of rehabilitated housing units
- New playgrounds
- New traffic signals
- Two new parks
- A community swimming pool
- Reconstructed public alleys and private property driveways
- Improved delivery of City services
- Stronger and more numerous neighborhood organizations

THE STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS PROCESS INCLUDES:

- *A Comprehensive Approach.* All aspects of neighborhood condition are explored, including crime, blight, infrastructure, recreation, new development, community character and community organization.
- *Partnerships.* Plans and improvements are achieved through the combined efforts of community leaders and entrepreneurs, consultants and City staff from almost every City Department.
- *Action Plans.* Each improvement plan includes a detailed record of the individual actions and projects required to meet the neighborhood expectations for revitalization.
- *Implementation.* Lastly, the City/community partnership turns its attention to completing each of the action items. The Action Plan becomes the work plan for the implementation phase.



*S*NI Plan areas represent one quarter of San José's Neighborhoods and 18 square miles.

Communities are engaged and energized.

A major SNI objective is the development of strong new community leaders and action-oriented neighborhood organizations.

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